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THOUGHT FOR ADVENT

This holy season symbolizes for the Christian the time during which the chosen people waited for their Redeemer. Think of them suffering in darkness, conscious of their sins and longing intensely for salvation! And even as they prayed and prepared themselves for the Advent of the Flesh, so we should look forward to the Advent in glory, to the appearance of Christ as judge and king on the last day. We must prepare our souls and our surroundings so as to hold ourselves in holy readiness even for the "abomination of desolation" which must be endured before we can "look up and lift up our hearts, because our redemption is at hand."

At home we have placed the evergreen wreath, symbol of eternity, to which we have attached the four candles, symbols of the time that, week by week, is bringing us nearer to the fulfillment of our salvation -- in the anniversary of His incarnation two thousand years ago, and in the actuality of His future appearance "on the clouds of heaven with power and majesty." As we sing the wonderful songs of Advent with the congregation, we should become filled with the understanding and the spirit of this important liturgical season.

DID YOU DO YOUR SHARE THIS WEEK?

Financial Barometer

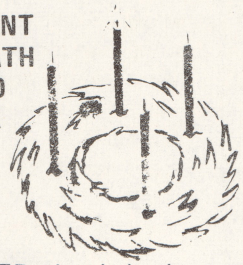
Sunday, November 28, 1971

Sunday Offertory	$2292.00
Human Develop. Coll.	51.00
Total	$2343.00

Sunday, November 21, 1971

Sunday Offertory	$2356.50
Human Develop. Coll.	661.00
Total	$3017.50

ADVENT WREATH THIRD WEEK



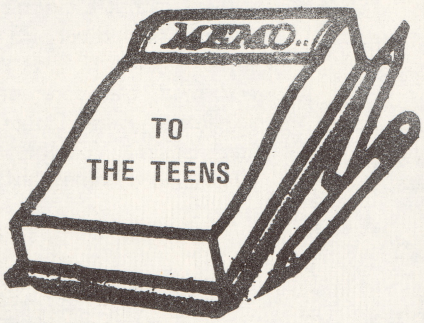
FATHER: Lord, lend your ear to our prayer. Light up the darkness of our minds with the grace of your loving attention. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Three candles are lighted by the mother during this week.

SPECIAL HOLYDAY MASSES

The Masses for Wednesday, December 8th., the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be at 5:30 and 9:00 AM and at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 PM.



The retreat for this weekend had to be cancelled because of the lack of enough Juniors and Seniors participating. Too many other events were crowding the schedules and we had to opt out on an important event in our lives, that of spending a weekend discovering ourselves and others. Perhaps we should take note of the other retreat weekend available on April 28, 29, and 30 and mark our calendars now so that we will not arrange for something else to interfere with this very important date.

COFFEE HOUSE TO BEGIN

Monday, December 6th at 8:00 PM in St. John's Parish Hall, the first coffee house will be held for our parish. It will be presented by 3 students from Eastern Michigan University who will offer selections by guitar, piano, and voice. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served. The fee will be 50 cents for an hour's entertainment and conversation with the performers in a relaxed social atmosphere, meant for enjoyment by Junior and Senior High students as well as adults. MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE THIS FIRST COFFEEHOUSE A SUCCESS.

PARISH NUPTIALS

On Saturday morning, November 27, Dr. James J. Powers and Miss Shirley Ann Mongiat were united in the Sacrament of Holy Marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

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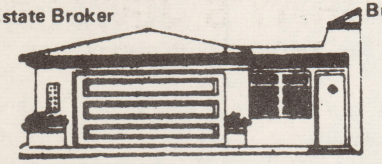

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Dr. Powers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Powers of Ashely, Ohio. The new bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mongiat of 1320 Kingwood, Ypsilanti.

The couple's main attendants were Mr. Edward Powers of Findlay, Ohio and Mrs. Cecelia Dreyer of Ypsilanti. Mr. Terry Dreyer, brother-in-law of the bride, was the lector of the wedding Mass. Mr. David Schall accompanied the soloist, Sister Mary O'Connell, who sang "Wedding Song" and "Ave Maria" at the bride's request.

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to Jay and Shirley and their families. "Love is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end."

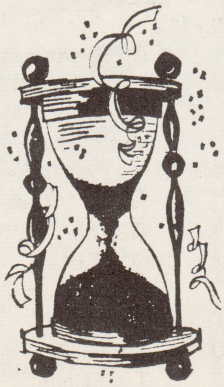
The newlyweds will reside in Columbus, Ohio where Dr. Powers has his practice.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Nicholas Thomas Babo, son of Nicholas and Diane Kerner Babo, was received into St. John's Parish on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1971. Nicholas was baptized by his uncle, our Deacon, Mr. Terry Kerner. His godparents were Thomas Kerner and Tamara Chie.

John Dalton Steed, son of Oliver and Judith A. Lesinski Steed was received into St. John's Parish on Sunday, November 28, 1971 by Father David Harvey who performed the ceremony. John's godparents were Robert Lesinski and Susan Towne.

Welcome Nicholas and John.



SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS

On December 12th, the theater crowd in the Single Catholic Adults will see the thriller "SLEVTH"at the Fisher. Meet at 4 PM at St. John's parking lot. There will be time for dinner downtown. We hope many will join us. If so, call as soon as possible so we make reservations and give you your ticket.

On December 31st. there will be a NEW YEARS EVE HOUSE PARTY. Come join in the fun in wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Meet at Margarets at 8:30. Cost is only $3.00.

I will be looking forward to meeting everyone of you. For more information, call Margaret, 482-1942, Tom P., 971-9076, or Tom M., 971-7114.

Kathy Owens

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Religious Classes will be held on both December 12th and 19th.
The following two Sundays, December 26th and January 2nd will be free Sundays.

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Those teens who signed up to be members of the Youth Chorale and any other teens who are still interested in being a part of a youth choir, are invited to come to practice for Christmas on Tuesday, December 7th. at 7:00 PM in the Liturgy Room, Room 9, in the Religion Center. We are hoping to have many members from Grades 9 through 12 help to form this group.

The Adult Choir will be meeting as usual in the Liturgy Room, Room 9 in the Religion Center on Thursday at 7:15. They will also be concerning themselves with Christmas music, so those of you who would like to be members of the choir, this is a good time to start if you have not previously been coming. We hope to see many there.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Ypsilanti Council of the Church Women United will hold a Christmas tea at the Ecumenical Center, 921 Church St., in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, December 7th at 1:00 PM. St. John's women who are planning to attend, contact Mrs. Donnie Stokes at 483-3961 or meet at the Ypsilanti United Methodist Church (corner of Adams and Washtenaw) in the parking lot at noon where rides will be provided.

The CROP (Share - a - loaf) donation cards will be collected at the meeting. Women who have cards to return, please drop them off at the Rectory by Tuesday morning.

RETREAT WEEKEND

On December 10 through 12, there will be a Scripture–Prayer Weekend for single young women. The weekend will open Friday at 7:00 PM and close Sunday afternoon. For further information and reservations, contact:

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ALTAR BOYS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 1971

7:00 AM Monday & Tuesday
5:30 AM Wednesday
Kerry Rimlim & Chuck Gannon
7:00 AM Thursday & Friday

Saturday
9:00 AM Scott Phetteplace & Mike Cicirelli

Wednesday, December 8 &
8:00 PM

Saturday, December 11
5:00 PM Matt Koch & Tom Patchak

Wednesday, December 8
4:00 PM John Madigan & Gabriel Martinez

Sunday, December 12
7:00 AM John Madigan & Gabriel Martinez

Wednesday, December 8 &
6:00 PM

Sunday, December 12
9:00 AM Mike & Frank Williams
11:00 AM Robert & James Eberts
7:00 PM Paul Yenger & Pat Sullivan

MISSION THANK YOU

Dear Father,

Our appreciation for your check for $969.00 from Mission Sunday. Appeals come in every day of the year from every part of the Missionary World begging for support of their apostolate. Even vocations to the native clergy seem to be thriving in many countries, unlike our own. The only barrier too often is lack of funds to operate the seminary. So, in the name of those who will receive your Mission Sunday offerings, may God regard you for your support and a sincere thank-you from all those who will benefit from your efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father John Weber,
Diocesan Director

PARISH CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, December 5
9 & 11 AM Baby-sitting, Room 5 Parish Center
9:00 AM Pre-School Classes, Parish Center
7:00 PM Creative Liturgy

MONDAY, December 6
8:00 PM Coffeehouse, Parish Hall

TUESDAY, December 7
7:30 PM Liturgy Meeting, Room 9, Parish Center
7:30 PM Convert Classes, Rectory, Deacon Ken Grodzicki

WEDNESDAY, December 8
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – MASS SCHEDULE listed elsewhere in paper.
7:30 PM Youth Advisor Meeting, Teen Center

THURSDAY, December 9
7:30 PM Administration Meeting, Parish Center Library
7:15 PM Adult Choir, Room 9, Parish Center

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING – 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

FRIDAY, December 10
Baptismal Preparations for parents
9:00 PM Teen Dance, Parish Hall
SUNDAY, December 12
11:00 MASS – Baptisms
7:00 PM Creative Liturgy
8:00 PM H. S. Religion Classes
Baby-Sitting and Pre-School classes as listed above.

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

December 11, 1971 - Saturday
5:00 PM .....P. Parin
Sunday, December 12, 1971
7:00 AM .....J. Baxter
9:00 AM ..... S. Hines
11:00 AM .....R. Wagner
7:00 PM ... High School Student

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 11, 1971
7:00 PM ..... T. Sullivan
Sunday, December 12, 1971
7:00 AM ..... J. Palasek
9:00 AM ..... G. Butman
11:00 AM ..... L. Sanford
7:00 PM ... High School Student

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 6, 1971
7:00 AM Intention of the Sesi and Rettinger Families
Tuesday, December 7, 1971
7:00 AM Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
12 Noon William Jackson, req. by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Healy
Wednesday, December 8, 1971
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
5:30 AM Lois Geraghty, req. by Kay Max and Harold Geraghty
9:00 AM Msgr. John F. Bradley, (Months Mind) Ann Stachlewitz
4:00 PM Joseph Gilmore, req. by William E. Gilmore
6:00 Pm Harry Brothers, req. by Mrs. Kathleen Brothers
8:00 PM George A. Weins, req. by Lawrence Rourke
Thursday, December 9, 1971
7:00 AM Joseph Fortunato, Sr., Req. by Mrs. Joseph Fortunato
12 Noon Al Walters, req. by Harold Hawks
Friday, December 10, 1971
7:00 AM Clara LeFevre, req. by Eula LeFevre
Saturday, December 11, 1971
9:00 AM Mrs. Mary Ellen Cavanaugh, req. by Edward D. Riley
Sunday, December 12, 1971
7:00 AM Deceased of the August Binder Family, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
9:00 AM Msgr. John F. Bradley, (Birthday) req. by Marie
11:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Parre, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Emil Parre

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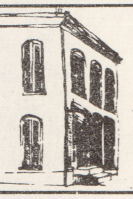

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